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PRIVATE TELECOM COMPANIES IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private sector telecom companies functioning in Rajasthan;

(b) whether the private sector telecom companies have provided telephone services in villages as per the agreement;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the name(s) of the defaulting companies; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against these private companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Six private sector telecom companies are providing services in Rajasthan service areas.

(b) to (d) M/S Shyam Telelink Ltd., as per basic service license agreement was to provide Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in 31834 villages. M/s Shyam Telelik Ltd., failed to provide such VPTs and Rs.8.00 crores were recovered as liquidated damages from M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd. for delay in commencement of service and non-provisioning of Direct Exchange Lines and VPTs. M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd. has migrated to Unified Access Service License in November, 2003 and the roll out obligations have been changed to coverage of 50% of total number of District Headquarters in the service area.